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53/220. Development Account

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 52/12 B of 19 December 1997, 52/220 and 52/221 A of 22 December 1997 and 52/235 of 26 June 1998,

Reaffirming its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986,

Reaffirming also the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation,

Noting the proposals made by the Secretary-General for the utilization of the development dividend,[1]

Stressing the need to use the Development Account for projects related to the development priorities of the medium-term plan,

1. *Approves*, from the eight proposals made in the report of the Secretary-General,[1] proposals A, B, D and E below:

[1] A/53/374, sect. III.

A. Promotion of electronic commerce (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development);

B. Capacity-building in economic and social policy analysis in Africa through the networking of expertise (Economic Commission for Africa);

D. Computer and telecommunication system for international and national drug control (United Nations International Drug Control Programme);

E. Capacity-building and networking for the implementation of the Habitat Agenda in least developed countries (United Nations Centre for Human Settlements),

on an ad hoc and one-time basis only, without setting a precedent and without prejudicing the outcome of its consideration of the sustainability and establishment of the mechanism and modalities of the Development Account;

2. *Emphasizes* that, in the implementation of those proposals, emphasis should be placed on the promotion of development activities, and that the implementation should demonstrate the benefits accruing in building national capacities, particularly in developing countries and also in countries with economies in transition;

3. *Stresses* that, in the implementation of the proposals, particular attention should be given to the utilization of technical, human and other resources available in the developing countries;

4. *Decides* that the proposals should be reformulated and implemented in accordance with the relevant Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, as revised by the General Assembly in its resolution 53/207 of 18 December 1998;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to reformulate the other proposals contained in his report following criteria according to which projects should:

(*a*) Have multiplier effects and promote capacity-building primarily in developing countries;

(*b*) Promote regional and interregional economic and technical cooperation among the developing countries;

(*c*) Use available human and technical resources from the developing regions;

and to submit those reformulated proposals to the General Assembly at the second part of its resumed fifty-third session;

6. *Decides* to keep the implementation of the proposals under review, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly on the utilization of the development dividend, in accordance with relevant regulations and rules;

7. *Also decides* to continue consideration of the sustainability and establishment of the mechanism and modalities of the Development Account during the resumed fifty-third session.

97th plenary meeting
7 April 1999